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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2002, Applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 3, and 10 as follows:

Clean Version of Claims

1. A connector for connecting together the free pin end and the free box end of two tubular bodies comprising:

a pin having pin threads formed externally on an end of a first tubular body, said pin threads extending along a frustoconical surface from a starting point on said first tubular body and terminating adjacent the free pin end, said pin threads further being formed on a tubular section of said first tubular body having an outside diameter no greater than an outside diameter of a major length of said first tubular body,

a pin nose at the free pin end, said pin nose having an inclined nose section,

a box having box threads formed internally on an end of a second tubular body for engagement with said pin threads, said box threads extending along a frustoconical

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